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# BY WIND AND HAIL

Yesterday's Furious Storm Cut a Broad Swath Through Three States.

NEBRASKA TOWNS SUFFER SEVERELY

Page, Holt County, Almost Wiped Out by the Whirling Cyclone.

OTHER PLACES WHERE DAMAGE WAS DONE

Many Towns in the Path Report Meagerly on the Result.

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN INJURED

So Far as Known No One Was Kitled, but Several May Die of Their Hurts-Story of the Destroyer's

Dread ni Swoop,

PLAINVIEW, Neb., April 11.- [Special Telecerved from Page, Holt county, a small town on the Pacific Short Line railway that a thing in its path.

Mrs. Wager and two children, wife and daughters of Mr. Wager, hardware dealer. of the firm of Wager Bros., was very dangerously injured, perhaps fatally.

Four houses were totally demolished and many others badly damaged. The creamery was damaged to the extent of about \$1,000.

The Short Line depot was damaged, loaded cars were blown from the track and torn passenger train will run as far as Page tonight and a wrecking train will follow. No communication can be had with O'Neill. The wires are probably down between Page and

Much Damage Near Ewing.

Ewino, Neb., April 11. - Special Telegram to THE BEE -About 4 o'clock this afternoon a cyclone swept through from Little. sixteen miles southwest of here in this county, passing in a northeasterly direction west of Stafford.

The residence of E. J. Larue was blown to atems. Large's collarbone was broken and one or both of his wife's legs broken.

The residences of Hopkins and McClary were destroyed. Hopkins' daughter was seriously hurt. McClary's family nearly

Surreons from this place have been summoned to attend the sufferers. Particulars of the damage done cannot be obtained until morning. It is very probable that many more have been injured.

CEDAR CREEK, Neb., April 11.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE ]-This place was visited by a cyclone this afternoon at 3.45. feet long, was completely torn into kindling

wood. Hon. F. E. White's elevator power house was completely torn to pieces and nearly every outhouse and small building in town were blown over. All the buildings in the place suffered more or less. No lives are reported lost at this writing:

Hastings, Neb., April 11.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE ]-A tempest of almost cyclonic ferocity raged in Hastings this after

#### noon, accompanied by fine sand. HOW AKRON SUFFERED.

Oncer Antics of the Whirlwind in Its Course Through Iowa. Stoux City, Ia, April 11.- [Special Telegram to The Bee. |-The town of Akron, Ia. on the line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, thirty miles north of this city, which has a population of about 1,000 people, was devastated by a cyclone this aftersoon. Shortly after 2 o'clock it commenced to grow dark, and in half an hour it was necessary to have lights. About 3 o'clock the storm struck the place. It was a regular whirlwind and came from the northeast.

Houses were thrown from their founds. tions and overturned and many of thom blown to pieces. A double span wagon bridge across the Sioux river was wrenched from the piers and dashed up against the river bank. The Iron rous were twisted and bent into an inextricable mass

A large elevator was demolished and the debris carried across the railroad tracks to where the lumber yard was and deposited while the lumber yard and buildings were carried back and deposited where the cieva

Cars loaded with stone that were standing wind and turned completely over.

Nearly every building in the town was more or tess damaged. Chimneys were blown down and crashed through the roofs and many roofs blown off and carried far from the houses. The damage in the town cannot be estimated at this time, as dark ness came on soon after the storm was over and everything is in confusion. The streets were littered with bedding and articles of household furniture.

### Away Through the Country.

The storm then started to the southwest. and from Akron to Westfield farm houses and barns which were in the path of the storm were either wholly demolished or badly damared.

At one place where two hey stacks stood beside each other, one was twisted to the | take. left and the other to the right, and the surrounding country littered with has twisted

From Westfield the storm crossed over the Missouri river into Nebraska. Reports indicate that it went in dips, doing but little damage until the town of Page, Neb. 100 miles west of here, on the Short Line road. was reached. The storm burst on the place with all its fary. Many houses there were unroofed or demolished. The Short Line deput was wrevered and cars were blown from the track.

Many buildings in the county were dam aged, and reports indicate heavy damage all glong the path of the storm. in Akron there was no loss of life, only one

person being injured. That was a man who had an arm broken. In the country east of Westfield a man

and his wife were caught in the debris of their home and were killed. Their names have not yet been obtainable.

At Page a woman and her child were seriously and perhaps fatally injured. Telegraph service is nearly demolished in this

Loss Will Reach Many Thousands.

Latest advices from Akron are that the loss to private property in that city will be \$50,000. The loss in the country will probady far exceed that amount-

The names of the man and weman killed near Westfield will not be obtainable tonight. The country between Akron and Page has but one telegraph line, and advices as to property loss or extent of storm there are meager and unsatisfactory. First reports of the storm came from Akron at Coleleck and the last of it was at Page at 4:40 o'clock. The storm traceled 200 miles in that time.

Local storms are reported from many places in South Dakota, but no damage was lone. Much rain fell throughout this section

Water Spout at Ponca. A water spout burst in Ponca Creek valley near Ponca. Neb., this afternoon in the path of the storm. Much low land is inundated and several bridges on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapons & Omaha road are dam-

Cloud Burst at Ottumwa.

OTTUNWA, In., April 11 - Special Telegram to The Bee. —A cloud burst occurred in the city about 8:15 this evening. Side walks and small buildings were washed off the hills down into the main streets of the gram to THE BEE | - A cloud burst occurred gram to Tun Bar. |-Word has just been re- in the city about 8:15 this evening. Sidecyclone struck that place at about 4:20 this in several business houses. A saylight in city. Cellars are flooded and water stands afternoon. The storm was traveling in a the Hotel Ballingali was broken and a northeasterly direction and sweeping every- parties of the hotel flooded. The storm was accompanied by a severe wind and hall, and the damage to merchandise stock is quite

South Dakota Crops Suffer. Sioux Fails, S. D., April 11.-(Special Telegram to THE BEE -A dispatch from Mitchell states that this afternoon a severe storm passed over that city, accompanied by a high wind and tremendous hall, and that great damage was done to buildings and the freshly seeded land. The same storm visited Akron, ia., forty miles south of here, from tracks. No damage is reported done to | and took the nature of a cyclone, destroying track, but obstruction will delay trains. The a number of buildings, leveling the wires and washing out the railroad.

## IN KANSAS AND MISSOURL

Meager Dispatches Tell of a Devastating

Cyclone Down There. Hiswatha, Kan., April 11 —Menger dispatches received here tonight from the southern part of Kansas state that a cyclone passed over that part of the state and that three towns, Willis. Everest and Powhattan, were laid in rules. As communication with these points is slow, it is almost impossible to estimate the loss of life or property. It seems almost certain that some lives were lost, and it is feared that but few in the villages named escaped in any. Hall broke hundreds of windows and it is feared spoiled prospects of a fruit crop this year. Near Robinson the 14-year-old son of E. P. Poleton, a wealthy merchant, was struck by

lightning and instantly killed Parker, a small station on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, was struck by a cyclone at o'clock this evening. The business part of be town is a complete wreck as well as half the residence portion. Several persons are reported killed and a large number seriously injured. No estimate can be made of the

loss at the present hour. Missouri and struck successively the towns of Mayview, Page City and Higginsville. All along the route houses were blown down, outhouses and fences destroyed and numerous cattle killed. In Higginsville and Mayview the damage was slight, but in Page City it is said that the whole town was laid waste. A man named Walker and his two children were caught in the rains of his house and all

Telegraph wires are down and all communication is extremely difficult and it will be impossible to get further details of the storm's ravages before morning.

## TOUCHED AT ST. LOUIS.

Wind, Lightning, Rain and Hall Frighten

the People of that City. St. Louis, Mo., April II.-Thunder and lightning, ball, rain and wind combined this evening to form the severest storm this city has had for years. It began about 8:15 p. m., and lasted nearly half an hour, coming the southwest, where ominous clouds, constantly illuminated by brilliant flashes of lightning, prevailed some time pastorm proper. Many some time previous to the outbreak of the Many were apprehensive of tain fell gently for a few minutes, then suddenly, a violent downs rain and hall began and the electric features of the storm made themselves fearfully evident. The streets at once be came flooded, the sewers being inadequate to at once carry off the immense volu

No serious accidents of any consequence reported. Electric car traffic was, for the time, completely suspended, it being storm are now apparent in the telegraph service. The Western Union has had but few wires to the west and south since it

their moorings. All are reported sunk, with

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The center of a storm of considerable magaltude hovered over Omaha and vicinity yesterday and last pight. Captain Hunt, the local forecast official looked for a severe storm in eastern Nebraska and western and central Iowa, but had an idea that Omana would escape the worst of it on account of ying almost in the center of the trough of the course southwestern storms generally gram to The Ber - Clyde Munden, a 14-

Very few people," said the captain last night. Rnow that there is less danger from ornadoes in the center of a great storm han around the margina. The tendency of the wine is toward the center, but it whiris around the central rount much as water circles around the center of a hole through which it is pouring. It is around the mar-gins of these inverted funnels that the torsides usually generate. Signil fragments the general storm, commonly called volones breaklouse from the circular course.

For several hours yesterday the exact enter of the storm was over Olmaha and its presence was easily understood by the dead ing at from thirty to fifty miles an hour.

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EDWARD MASON ON TRIAL

Must Answer for His Connection with the Cole Murder.

TESTIMONY OF HIS DIVORCED WIFE

Case of the State Rests on This Basis and the Defense is Confident of Being Able to Secure a Favorable Verdicta

Hastings, Neb., April 11.— Special Tele; gram to Tun Bun )-Elward B. Mason was put on trial this morning, charged with being an accessory to the murder of D. S. Cole. For the state County Attorney W. P. Mc-Greary and Mayor B. F. Smith appeared, M. A Hartigan and Judge William Gaslin defending the prisoner. The work of securing a jury was at once begun and at noon the regular panel was exhausted, the state having used one peremptory challenge and the defense two of theirs. Sheriff Crane began a hunt for taleamen and at 2 o'clock the jury was finally accepted and sworn, both sides

waiving portions of their peremptories. Mrs. Hickman, the sister of Mrs. Mason, testified as to the strained relations existing repairs. They left about 9 o'clock The next morning Mrs. Mason left for her hus-band's farm in the bugg. Both before and after the muraer the two carried on a cor-respondence and held consultations.

Chris Collins lived at Coles house, and testified that Cole came home and then left about 10 o'clock, and the next morning was found dead. May Mitchell, the hired girl, testified in the same strain. James Fergus also related the incidents that transpired at Hickman's and told when cole left for home At this juncture the state asked for a recess until tomorrow, which was granted by the

l'omorrow will occur the sensational part of the trial. Mrs Mason is now serving a four years sentence in the penitentiary, given her on her confession to the murder and plea of guilty. She has been telegraphed for and will arrive in Hastings tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock in charge of penitentiary officials. A strenuous effort will of course. be made by the defense to exclude her test my as it is the most direct evidence against

A few weeks ago a divorce was obtained by her on a cross bill flied after Mason had asked the court for a divorce, and the de-fense will hold that the communications made between hisband and wife were prix fleged, and the state will claim that the di-vorce granted her has taken away such privilege. It is a question on which lawyers do not seem to be agreed, and a strong fight may be expected. Mrs. Mason's testimony.

if admitted, will probably be quite racy Fremont News Notes.

FREMONT, Neb., April 11 - Special to THE Bur |-Mrs. O. E. Strong, a sister of Charley Douglas, who died in South Omaha Saturday was brought to this city last evening

D. G. Eldredge, 61 years of age, who died yesterday will be buried tomorrow by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a mem-per. Rev. H. W. Tate, pastor of the Bap-tist church, will preach the sermon. The deceased was born in New York state, has resided in this city seven years during which time he has been engaged in the coal Another cyclone struck Walnut, in the business, and has been an active member northern part of the state, about 9 in the Baptist church, and was highly reoclock, and after causing much dam spected by all. He leaves a wife and two

Articles of incorporation were filed yester day under the firm name of the Parlor Furn-iture and Mattress company, by the men who came from Racine, Wis., to this city last week. The authorized capital is \$100,000. They will manufacture all kinds of furniture, mattresses, upholstered goods and

Judge William Marshall convened the April term of district court yesterday morning and spent the day in assigning cases for trial, the J. T. Robinson Notion company of Omaha received a judgment against \$1. V. N. Biles of this city and had some of his city lots sold to satisfy it. The sale was set as de. The attachment was dissolved in the case of Kilpatrick-Koch Dry Goods company vs Henry J. Bremers of this city. Josh Waldron, Robert McIntyre, James len and George Davis each guilty to the charge of stealing hogs from the Bay State Cattle company's ranch. Sentence will doubtless be given during this

The grand commandery, Knights Templar Netraska, convened in the Masonic building in this city this afternoon for their an-A very large number are expected to be in attendance tomorrow.

Hustings Saloons Closed.

Hastings, Neb., April 11.- Special Tele gram to THE BEE !- Hastings will be dry tomorrow. Eleven petitions for saloon license were presented to the new city council for action tonight. On the other side a general remonstrance was presented. signed by 300 or 400 persons, which alleged that some of the signatures on the petitions were not bons fide freeholders. natter was faid over until tomorrow night or trial. The licenses expiring tonight, none of the saloons will be allowed to open tomor-row. There is a pretty fair chance that some of them will not open at all, as a sec-tion of the Slocum law was found which stipulates that when a petitioner has been found guilty of violating the law during the year previous be shall be refused a theense. Many of them have paid fines for keeping open on Sundays and so there is a poss that Hastings will have only two or three saloons this year.

Disappointed in Love. Hastines, Neb., April 11.- Special Telegram to THE BEE | - Coroner R. J. Irwin was summoned to go into Wanda township to hold an inquest on the body of J. Walter Baugh. Baugh was a young Kentuckian II years old living in a neighborhood of Ken-tuckians. A month ago he became ac-quainted with a very comely young lady. Miss Clara Powers, some five years his senior. He immediately became enamored of her, but Miss Powers did not return his passion. He threatened to kill himself and she took a couple of boxes of poison away from him. Sunday afternoon he took rough rats and in twenty four hours was He left a note to the young lady in which he stated that she knew what was the cause of his self destruction. A verdict of suicide

Captured a Young Thief. Hastinus, Neb., April 11.— Special Tele year-old candidate for the reform school, was arrested today charged with stealing a

was rendered.

boil of dress goods. There are numbers of roungsters of his stripe in town, and the police and authorities are trying to break them of the piffering habit. Table Rock Notes. TABLE ROCK, Neb., April 11 .- | Special Telegram to Tue Ben ] -Julius Devore, a brake-

man, yesterday had his foot run over by a truck. No house were broken. He has been Laken to his home in Wymare.
A very fine foundation is being new opera house. The stone is quarried

Not tailly of Murder. PLATISMOUTH, Neb., April 11.- Special Telegram to THE Bur .- The case of the state against Ed Care for the shooting of

Andy Hess at Eagle a couple of weeks ago

was concluded this afternoon. Carr was

County Atterney Travis in the prosecution and Judge Sullivan of Plattsmouth represented the defendant. The case was closely contested on both sides. County Judge Ramsay, after summing up the evidence, stated that he did not believe that Carr would be convicted pefore a jury and in his independ the case should not be convicted to judgment the case should not be carried to

the district court, thereby entalling a vast amount of needless expense for the county The verdict gives general satisfaction.

Damaged by Fire. CERTE, Neb., April 11 .- | Special to THE BEE |- The lumber yard of John L. Lee was discovered on fire at 2 o'chek this morning. Loss, probably \$2,000; insurance, \$2,000 in the Rockford, \$2,000 in Grand Rapids Fire and \$1,000 in St Paul Fire and Marine Insurance commany. The safe was found broken open, the combination having been knowled off by thickes. The fire is believed to have originated from this source. The fine farm residence of George Fischer, living four miles east of this city in Lancaster county, was totally destroyed by fire late yesterday afternoon Inscreed in the Furmers Mutual Insurance company of the surrounding country.

Manison, Neb., April 11. - Special to The

Madison Juli Break Escape.

BEE |-Two prisoners broke jail here last One had been convicted of forgery and the other of horse stealing. They were to have been taken to the penitentiary in a few days. A horse was stolen from Henry of town, and it is thought the prisoners took this means of escape. The locks of the cells were taken away, and as the jailer, who lives on the accord floor, heard no noise, it is the opinion of the officer that some person from the outside opened the doors.

Will Not Stand Taxation. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 11.- Special to THE BEE | In anticipation of a move by the city authorities to tax telephone poles lastle the city limits. Hon John C. Watson appeared before the old council at its last meeting Monday evening and stated that in case the company is subjected to taxation it will carry the case to the courts. Then if it is decreed that the poles must be taxed, the lines will be taken down. It is generally be lieved that the new council will take no ne-tionagainst the company.

Chasing Thieves at Fairmont FARMONT, Neb., April 11 .- Special to THE BEE. - Thieves forced an entrance to Henry Coatsworth Co.'s lumber office last night and blow open the safe. They secured no money but carried away a large number of notes and other valuable papers. It has been found that the parties broke into the carpenter shop of J. T. Dannis and se-cured drills, etc., with which the work was done, and that they also besong in Fairmont. An effort will be made to bring the thieves to justice.

Not Ton Old to Shoot. Hastinos, Neb., April 11,- (Special Tele gram to Tue Bee |- This afternoon William Simmons and Murray Houston, a couple of young painters, found an old rusty handleiess 22-cather revolver. Sammons examined it and handed it to Honston, who cocked it and looked it over. When he handed it back the antiquity was discharged. The temporal artery in Simmons' head was pierced and a difference of half an inch alone saved him from receiving the bullet in his

Interested a Large Audience. CHAPPELL, Neb., April 11.- Special Telegram to THE BEE |-Hon. B. F. Clayton of Indianola, la., president of the Commercial bank at this place and a large real estate owner in this and adjoining counties, de-livered a splendid lecture to a large audi-ence in the high sets it building Sunday evening on the subject of the "Great Con-flict Between Right and Wrong," which was well received, as expressed by a vote of thanks by an appreciative audience.

Burgiars at Beatrice. Beatrice, Neb., April 11.- Special Telegram to THE BEE |-The grocery store of Kerr & Son on West Court street was entered by burglars last night, the safe blown open and considerable cash and valuable morning the charge of powder used in breaking the safe must have been excessive, as

in every direction. No clew. Misfortunes at Wymore. WYMORE, Neb., April 11.—[Special Telegram to The Bre ]—This morning at 6:30 Mrs. C. W. Dairson, wife of a plasterer living here, fell dead, supposed to be from heart

Julius F. Grorer, who was hurt last Sun day at Table Rock by having both feet run over by a pair of trucks, underwent the amputation of a foot this morning.

Hastings Lawyer Convicted. Hastings, Neb., April 11. Special to The BEE |-The jury in the case of the state against T. Judson Fergusen, charged with obtaining money under faise pretenses, brought in a verdict of not guilty today. The evidence in the case was strong enough to

enough to send him to the penitentiary. Nebraska City Presbytery in Session. TECHNSER, Neb., April 11. - Special to THE Bee. |-The annual session of the Nebraska City Presbytery of the Presbyterian church convened in this city last evening for a three days session. Nearly 100 delegates are present, including those from missionary and ideavor societies. Great interest is being manifested by all.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 11,- Special Tele gram to THE BEE |- H. W. Parker, one of the ordest and most prominent citizens of the city, died today. His death was not unexpected as he had been ill for some time. His loss will be severely feit both in social and financial circles.

FROM HONDURAS.

Letter from the President of That Republic

to a New Orleans Friend. New ORLEANS, La., April 11.—The following is a copy of a letter received today by General Beyer of the staff of General Vususs, in command of the government troops | powered. of the Honduras army, from President Leiva, now stationed at Puerto Cories. This letter contains news of the revolution now in progress there and is assolutely authentic The letter, written in Spanish, reads as for

Puerro Corres, Honduras, April 4, 1803.—General Charles D. Reyer, New Orleans, La.—My Dear Sir: The forces of Bontlin, which attacked the town of Tegneignipa on the 28th of March, were repulsed ami defeated with great loss by the government troops in the engagement that followed. The remainder of the defeated revolutionists afterwards remained and entrembed themselves in El Picacha, above the Leona, which position are carding to telegrams received by me today carding to telegrams received by me toda April 4, they evacuated yesterday. In doin so they were attacked by the governmen forces and sustained many killed an wounded. It is probable that the same partle for some days langer. I am, your friend servant, P. Luva, Preside servant,

Tennessee Official Lapenched.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 11.-At 12 o'clock midnight last night the state senate resolved itself into a dourt of impenchment presided over by Chief Justice Lea of the subrome court, for the purpose of trying J. J. Dubose, judge of the criminal court of Shelby county. Judge Dubose and his attempts appeared and the court adjourned at 16 orders this morning. Upon reconvening the articles of impeachment were real and rules to govern the court were adopted, and upon application for time to answer for defendant the dourt adjourned nuti

To Abolish Capital Punishment. New York, April 11.-The assembly last night passed by a vote of 78 to 79 the bill to

abolish capital punishment, to take effect

acquitted. Hon. W. J. Bryan assisted | September 1, too late to save Carlyle Harris. |

## MANY WELSH MINERS PERISH

Frightful Disaster in a Coal Pit Near Pont-v-Pridd Yesterday.

TERRIBLE HAVOC CAUSED BY FIRE AND GAS

Over Fifty Men Lose Their Lives in the Burning Colliery-Vain Attempt to Resone the Unfortunates-Agonizing Scenes Witnessed.

Loxbon, April 11.-While the coal mine near Pont-y-Pradd was in full blast today a spark from an engine caused the gas in the mine to explode. Terrible havor followed It is believed that hundreds have perished. There were 200 men in the mine and the engine house catching fire lessened their chances of escape. The rescuers who went down were driven back without being able to bring up more than five of the dead. The most agonizing scenes were witnessed among the crowd of men, women and children who quickly crowded around the mouth of the

The pit is worked in sections, one being above another, the fire resulting from the explosion breaking but in the eastern section. From this section seventy men succoeded in reaching the surface through the main dip working, led by a miner who knew the road. They had a terrible struggle to get out, forcing their way through fire and smake. Many of them were scorched and all were terribly exhausted when they emerged to safety. They brought no good news as to those who were left boble t, but on the contrary expressed their dread that all those in the mine had perished.

Fast Spreading Flames.

At 9:45 o'clock this evening it was still impossible to obtain more than in agreedetails of the accident in the Pont-y-Pridd coal mine. The first alarm was given at 2:30 this afternoon. Plames and smoke gave to the 200 men at work in the seam the first warning of approaching danger. All ran toward the landing. Many were overtaken by the fire and smoke, fell and were left to their fate by their comrades in advance of them. Comparatively few of them who were in the scam at the time of the explo-

son reached the landing.

At the entrance of the snaft a rescuing party was formed by the pit surveyor. The party got as far as the landing at the seam where the fire started, but was driven back almost immediately by the dense smoke issuing from the seam. The surveyor took his men back to the surface. After half an hour's rest they went down again and forced their way ten yards into the workings. They found four dead bodies which the further into the workings were in vain, a the wood work was burning and large masses of ruins were falling incessantly from the roof. One of the resculing party who ventured too far was killed. The men who sayed themselves immedi-

ately after the fire broke out were too much confused and frightened to observe the posi-tions of their fellow workingmen. The were unable to give any clear account of the distribution of the miners, and the work of rescue must therefore proceed under all the difficulties of uncertainty. Numerous Volunteers.

There are scores of miner's families at the mouth of the pit. There are numerous vol-unteers to undertake the work of rescue as soon as it becomes possible. At present the indertaking vain, if not fatal to the party making the descent. There is little doubt moreover, that most, if not all of the mer left below, have been suffocated or burned to

attached to fire engines on the surface are being used to extinguish the flames in the mine. In two sections of the mine the fire was put out. The extinction of the flames has been followed in each case by the accumulation of gas, and it is feared that explo

sions may follow shortly.

Another attempt to enter the seam in which the fire started has proved resultless they were prevented by smoke and heat from reaching them. When the fire had been extinguished they were also unable to make any progress, as they could not remain

n the foul atmosphere.

The number of the men still in the mine cannot be ascertained, although it is known to be well above fifty. There is little hope that some of them found refuge at such a distance from the burning sections that they

At midnight the are was again burning in all directions. The service pipe, which was used to pour water into the mine, has burst. The difficulties is the way of quenching the the men below is regarded as hopeless.

## ATTEMPTED TO KILL A CARDINAL.

Escape of the Primate of Hangary from Death at the Hands of an Assassin. VIENNA April 11.—Conflicting reports are circulated regarding the attempt yesterday to assassinate Cardinal Vaszary, primate of Hungary. From best informed sources it is learned that the attack was made upon the cardinal in his private palace in Pesth, and his assailant was a man named Cholies, who had been employed in the palace as cellar an, but who had been discharged. Cholies appears, was desirous of being reinstated and to gain that end, prepared a petition which he presented to the cardinal. The atter informed Cholics that he must consult the household officials. Cholies became it salely enraged, drew a carving inife an made a desperate lunge at the carrinal, who evaded the blow by springing around the corner of a desk. Rev. Dr. Kohl, the the cardinal again. In the struggle Dr. Kohl received five severe wounds in the shoulders and breast. The would-be assassin was then grasped by servants and over-

## SEIZED BY JAPAN.

Spanish Islands in the North Pacific Taken

Possession O: by the Mikado. Madent, April 11 -- Much excitement has been caused by a dispatch to the effect that Japan has seized the Pliew islands, claimed by Soain, and lying in the North Pacific, be-tween the Phillippines, and Cardines, both under Spanish rule. It is thought Japan in-tends to encroach on Spanish territory in the Pacific, and grave complications are likely to

Looking to Cardiff for Ald

LONDON, April 11-Josheph Wilson, presideut of the Sallors' and Firemen's union, is taking an active part in behalf of the strikers at Hull. He has gone to Cardiff to en-list the dock laborers and satiors' and fire-men's unions in their behalf. He has great influence with the men and there is every evidence that the shipping trace of Cardiff about to become involved in the struggle with the sallurs and firemens union. The latter have demanded an increase in wages go into effect to by and threaten to the sailing of every vessel unless their de

Makes the System Less Complicated. BEREIN, April 11.-The lower house of the Prussian Diet has given its final approval to the bill reforming the system of elections in Prussia. The bill does not materially interfere with the discriminations in favor of the property class, but makes the system of elections somewhat less complicated.

Only an Insane Man's Antics. LISBON, April 11.-It is officially stated that the report of the attempted assassination yesterday of King Carlos, is untrue.

## THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather for Omaha and Vicinity— Fair; Stipht Cold Wave

1. Nebraska and Iowa Suffer a Cyclone. Hustings Gets Another Mason Sensation

Three Hundred Welsh Miners Killed. Lown General News.

2. Will Test Omaha's Street Lights. Bloody Crime Suspected at St. Louis. 3. Council Bluffs Local News.

4. Editorial and Comment-5. Lincoln Loses Much Through Fire. Senators Making Politics

Boyd Ready to Help His Friends. 6. Commercial and Fluxorial Matters.

7. South Omaha's Connest Organizes. 8. Howard B. Raicy is Acquitted.

9. The Bee's Circulation Showing. 13, World-Herald's Subscription List.

14. Affidavits from Carrier Boys. 15. Making Monopoly's Hold Stronger. Another Passenger Agent Short.

The story had its origin in the unties of an The story had its origin in the antics of an ibsane man named Solomon Azameet, who labors under the delusion that he is a brother of the king. Azameet declares when he approached the king it was merely for the purpose of having a conversation with him. The man had no revolver or other weapon. Azameet was pronounced insene and taken to an asylum this morning.

#### RULL SRIKE CO. LAPSING.

Dock Laborers Weakening and the Walkout Promises to Be a l'allure, Hum, England, April 11.—It looks very much as if the dock laborers' strike was about to prove a failure. A lot more nonunion men were put to work this morning under podee and military protection, making the whole number of nonunion men who have taken the places of the strikers 2.00. This afternoon the strikers show evidences of weakening, as a number of them applied for and were given work. The firms in the lumber carrying trade, whose vessels have laid idle since the strike began, notified their men that unless they returned to work at once their places would be filled

The dock inborers at Liverpool, Shields and elsewhere are organizing to assist the strikers here. The Ship Owners Federation is organizing to support the masters. It now looks as if there will be a general strike of all union hands in the shipping trade.

Bome Rule Bill Discussed.

London, April 11 .- The first speaker in the Commons today, on the motion for a second reading of the home rule bill, was Ashmead Bartlett, conservative, who carnestly op-posed the bill. He was followed by Michael Davitt, who made a forcible speech to favor of the measure. Davitt said the bill would be accepted by 13,000,000 of the Irish rase as n peace to be nonorably ob The Irish Davitt continued, did not wish home rule to cost the British Parliament a single penny and they would not shirk from their fair share of the imperial expenditures

Melbourne's Bank Fallure.

LONDON, April 11.—The London shareholders of the Commercial bank of Australia, which recently suspended, held a meeting today and accepted the scheme of reconstruction which had been adopted at Melbourne. The chairman assured the shareholders that their money was not lest, but that it was merely locked up. He was convinced, he said, that the bank would be proved an institution of unexampled strength.

Anarchists on Trial. Paris, April 11.—The trial of Pierre Jean Francois and two other anarchists named

Bricon and de Lange, on the charge of having been concerned in the explosion in the Cafe Very on May 25 last, began today. The public show but small interest in the trial. Trouble in Beigium. BRUSSELS, April 11. - In consequence of the rejection of universal suffrage by the Chamber of Deputies the general council of the

labor party will at once order a general strike. The civil guard is held in readiness to suppress disorder. Shouted for Universal Suffrage, Bausssels, April 11 -A thousand socialists paraded the streets this evening shouting

for universal suffrage. The civil guard was slight skirmish the parade was stopped.

Cholera in Trance. Paris. April 11.-There was but one new case of choicra in the town of L'Orient on Monday. In the vicinity there were eighteen

new cases and six deaths from cholera. Strictly Private. Pauls, April 11.—The Bering sea court of arbitration was in session for six hours to day. The proceedings were strictly private

Protesting Against the Tax. Madam, April 11.-The members of the bourse yesterday and today protested against the new tax on bourse transactions by sus-

pending all dealings. Talked with Francis Joseph. Beulin, April 11. - Emperor Francis Joseph today gave an audience to M. Stambouloff

the Bulgarian prime minister. MRS. THOMPSON GUILTY.

Plan of a South Dukota Woman to Secure Money that Fuiled. SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 11.- Specia Telegram to The Ben |-The trial of Mrs Deliah Thompson for sending obscene and blackmalling letters through the mails was completed today. The testimony was introduced by the government in a great mass including the confession which the prisoner made to Postoffice Inspector Fosness, prov ing beyond question that Mes. Thompson had written all the letters which have kept the swell society of Highmore in a state of

erment for the past two years.
Attorney Gunderson made no attempt to rebut the evidence, but contented himself with a strong plea to the effect that the cul-prit was insane and that her insanity was proven by the vile character of the missives. The jury was out only a short time, and returned with a verdict of guilty on three counts. As the cours in the charge to the jury took strong grounds against her, it is expected that the sentence which will be pro-nounced tomorrow will be very nearly the extreme limit. The maximum penalty is \$5,000 for each count and impresonment for five years. The two sons of the convicted woman are here and are heart-broken over th

Tripp's Bargain with Cleveland.

Yankton, S. D., April 11. - Special Tele gram to THE BEE | Hon. Barriott Tripp. envoy extraordinary and minister plenipo tenfiary to Austria, reached his home in this city at I o'clock today and has already begun his arrangements for departure. He will be accompanied to Vienna by his wife and daughter, and they expect to be at the American residence there and fully settled American resinctice there and fainty series by June I. Judge Tripp has already qualified and his visit home is simply a vacation of six weeks accorded him by the president. In his interview today Judge Tripp said that it was all arranged before Mr. Cleveland's imagination that he. Mr. Tripp, should be appointed attempts guerral of the United States, a specyear much to his liking, but was necessary to change that program. Then the com-missionership of the general land office was tendered him, but he declined that. This foreign appointment surprised him somewhal toreign report ment surprised him somewhat, to but it suits him very well. He said Echelis would be confirmed as comptroller of the currency in spite of Tammany's protest and that the paytest of South Dakots democrats against Hughes fast would avail nothing Commodore S B Coulses of this city, who is seeking appointment as collecter at the post of Sitka Alaska, stands an excellent chance of appointment, says Mr. Tripp.

# GREAT DANGER OF A FLOOD

High Water in the Missouri Doing Much Damage Near Sloux City.

FALSE WORK OF A BRIDGE WRECKED

Workmen Carried Down with the Structure but Manage to save Their Lives After a Desperate Struggle

in the Flood.

Story City, In., April 11.- | Special Telegram to Tain Buy. The Missouri river here is higher than for years. The piles tramwap or false work of the Missouri Bridge company, extending 1,000 feet into the river, have been carried away. Three laborers went down with it, but all succeeded in clambering upon a rafter and were rescued a mile down the river. The loss to the company will aggregate several thousand dollars and a long delay will be occasioned to its

and a long decay will be occasioned to its bridge construction work.

The water is cutting away great areas of farm land at Stony Bend, a few miles above the city, and at intervals of a few moments pieces of the Stanton and Covington town sites, across the river from this city, as large as town lots have slipped into the river; if the irreads keen, up many building in If the inroads keep up many buildings in Covington will have to be moved back from theriver to escaise destruction. Steamboat traffic is tied up. The stream is full of logs and trees, indicating heavy income on the bunks above the city. The current is estimated at sixteen mile an hour and the water

Saloon Keepers Disappointed.

CRESTON, In. April 11 - Special to THE BEE | - When the city election resulted in the choice of a lib wal mays and a majority of the councilmen with similar views, the saloon keepers were jubilant, as the prospect for a year's business with an occasional fine and no interference from other sources was anticipated. Their hopes that have been fordly cherished have been blasted by a decision rendered by Judge Tedford in the district court, which has just adford in the district court, which has just ad-journed. Injunctions have been standing against six saloon keepers, and at the March term of the district court County Attorney Bull asked for permanent injunctions against the six men and three drungists who had been charged with violating their permits and selling liquor as a boverage. Judge Teiford ren-dered decisions in all cases and granted per-manent injunctions against all

manent injunctions against all during Tedford's decision has completely unset the plans of the joint keepers. Whether they will attempt to open up or not is a question generally aritated. They have been fighting the prohibition law so long and so butterly that it is thought they are retting wears.

are getting weary Bened the Father.

BOONE, In . April 11 .- Special Telegram to The Bee |-Martin Hahn of Moingona came into town vestorday. He was in search of medical treatment for various wounds upon his person. He said that his daughter, who works in Boone, accompanied by a vouthful cierk with a dudish appearance drove to Moingona in a buggy Sanday afternoon to pay the family a visit. The father refused to admit them to the paternal residence, whereupon the mother took sides with the daughter and a general family row ensued. Hahn admitted having used violent language toward his wife. This provoked a 20-year-old son to knock the father down and trample upon him. A mob of twenty or more is said to have collected and with buggy whips and other means of punishment they beset Hahn and gave him a severe drubbing. They took him out of lown and across the river, where it was proposed by some to hang him to a limb until dead. The advice of some of the

pler heads in the crowd prevailed and Hahn was released.

Drs Mornes, la., April 11.—[Special Telegram to THE BUL |- One of the worst cases of depravity ever unearthed in Greene county has just come to light by the indict-ment of John McNamara, who lives two miles south of Scranton It ap-from the testimony adduced that Samara some years ago married a widow Namara some years are married a widow who had three daughters, the youngest of whom was 11 years old. Al! three of the girls have given birth to illegitimate chillen, and the youngest was only 13 years old at the time. They all testify that McNamara is the father of their of spring. In-

dignation is high in the neighborhood in which he lived. No Namara is in the county jail, Judge Paine having refused him bail.

Assaulted the Superintendent. CRESTON, Ia., April 11. - Special Telegram to THE BEE ]-Division Superintendent J. H. Durgan of the Burlington was assaulted late this afternoon by John and Tom Hall. The assault occurred in the law office of Sullivan & Sullivan, just after an adjournment of a meeting of the Creston Ice company directors, in which both parties were in-terested. Mr. Duggan was attacked without warning by John Hall, whose brother, Fom, kept other parties from interfering with a heavy club. The parties are promwith a heavy club, ment citizens, and the affair is causing gen-eral comment. The assailants have been

arrested. Superintendent Durgan's face is badly bruised, but be is not seriously in

Killed by Lightning. GENEVA, Ia., April 11. - [Special Telegram o The Heat.] - Mrs. Daniel Heldt, living one mile south of here, was struck by lightning and instantly killed this morning. The fatal bolt came down the chimney and followed a wire which supported the stovepipe in the corner of the room where she was sitting. The only visible mark on the body was a small round spot in the back of the neck where the hair was burned off. The ashes were blown out of the stove and the win-

Iowa Editors on a Jaunt. Dus Moixus, Ia., April 11.—A magnificent special train of Pullmans left here this morning, having on board 160 lown editors whose objective points are St. Louis, Nashville, Louisville, Chuttanooga, Atlanta, Sa-vannah, Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile. The excursion is in charge of Lafe Young of the lowa Capital, and George Harner, gen-eral passenger agent of the Louisville &

Nashville. The trip will consume two weeks Crop Prospects in lows. Drs Monvis, la , April 11.—The lowa weather service issued today the first weather crop buildin of the season. The soil was mover in better condition and the bulk of the small grain is sown. The cats acreage is larger and apring wheat less than usual. Fall wheat was not injured by the winter, but the plant is generally feeble. The condition is variable. The season opens

we weeks earlier than last year. Dubuque's Enameling Works Destroyed. plant of the Dubuque Enameling works, the only one of the kind in the country, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was the result of an explosion of petroleum used as fuel. Two men, watching the furnaces were frightfully nursed, and probably fatally.

Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$11,000, Pirst Spring Kains Missoria Valley, In., April 11-(Special Telegram to Tun Hen |- The first spring rains fell last taight and this afternoon and

were badly needed, especially by grass and amail grains. A considerable quentity of hall fell during the evening. His Lujuries Patal. CEDAR RAPIO, La . April 11 .- [Special Tele

gram to Tue BEE . John Proskoves, who was thrown from his wagon yesterday by a runaway team, died from the result of his